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In re Application of:
BRENDAN LARDER et al.

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For: Method For Mutation Detection in
HIV-1 Using Pol Sequencing

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as follows:

1. A method for detection of mutations in the *pol* gene of HIV-1 isolates comprising the steps of:
- a) isolation of a sample comprising HIV-1 RNA,
 - b) PCR amplifying RNA from said sample using a primer chosen from an outer primer chosen from SEQ ID No: 1 or SEQ ID No: 2 to obtain a primary PCR product,
 - c) PCR amplifying said primary PCR product using a 5' and 3' primer chosen from an inner primer chosen from SEQ ID No: 3, SEQ ID No: 4,

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